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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application papers, I, Alphonso A. Collins, verify that this is a true substitute specification in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.52 and no new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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